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DEPT FOR A/SY/FO DONNOVAN

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ASEC
SUBJECT: ARMING OF CONSEC MARINES

REF: (A) BANGUI 0563 (B) STATE 70273

1. DURING RSO VISIT BANGUI, POST ADVISED OF RESTRICTIVE POLICY OF GOCAE TWOARD FIREARMS AND WELCOMED SUGGESTION AS ALTERNATE TO USE OF REVOLVER. CARRYING OF MACE MOST LOGICAL SUBSTITUTE SHOULD HOST GOVERNMENT HOLD TO POLICY. FOR CONTINGENCY PURPOSES, PROPOSAL MADE TO HAVE REVOLVER SECURED AT NEAREST AMERICAN CONTROLLED DWELLING; NAMELY, SEABEE TEMPORARY RESIDENCE. STORAGE AT NEW EMBASSY BUILDING NOT RECOMMENDED INASMUCH AS MSG'S WILL WORK AFTER HOURS AND NO AMERICAN SUPERVISION WILL BE EXTENDED TO FIRST FLOOR DURING WORKING DAY WHERE WEAPON WOULD BE STORED. LOGIC BEHIND HAVING WEAPON WITHIN CLOSE PROXIMITY AS OPPOSED TO HAVING NONE AVAILABLE AT ALL IS RELATIVE TO TIME INTERVAL REQUIRED TO TRAVEL TO EMBASSY SHOULD POLITICAL CONDITION DETERIORATE AND MOVEMENT OF TRAVEL BE RESTRICTED.

2. FOR BANGUI: PLEASE PROVIDE DEPT. WITH LATEST DEVELOPMENTS
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REGARDING UTILIZATION OF MSG'S WITH HOST GOVERNMENT CONCURRENCE AS REQUESTED PARA 1, REFTEL (B). POST SHOULD INCLUDE COMMENTS ON ADVISABILITY OF DISCUSSING ARMING OF MSG'S WITH HOST GOVERNMENT.
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